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[Official Code of Georgia Annotated](#) [TITLE 40 Motor Vehicles and Traffic \(Chs. 1 — 16\)](#) [CHAPTER 2 Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles \(Arts. 1 — 7\)](#) [Article 2 Registration and Licensing Generally \(§§ 40-2-20 — 40-2-47\)](#)

40-2-43. Certificate of registration; replacement of lost registration certificate; issuing of duplicates.

(a) Upon an applicant's compliance with all laws relevant to the registration of his vehicle, the appropriate licensing authority shall issue to such applicant a certificate of registration for his vehicle. If a registration certificate issued under this chapter is lost, stolen, mutilated, or destroyed or becomes illegible, the registered owner shall promptly make application for a duplicate registration certificate to the commissioner. The commissioner, upon receipt of an application and a fee of \$1.00, shall issue the registered owner a duplicate registration certificate. If the application for a duplicate registration certificate is submitted to the same county that issued the current certificate of registration, the county tag agent may issue the duplicate registration certificate and may retain the application fee as compensation for issuing such duplicate certificate of registration.

(b) Any dealer or owner of a vehicle may apply to the commissioner or any county tag agent for a duplicate of the last registration certificate issued to the previous or current owner for that vehicle. The commissioner or county tag agent, upon receipt of an application and a fee of \$1.00, shall provide the duplicate registration certificate.

History

Ga. L. 1925, p. 315, § 1; Ga. L. 1931, p. 7, § 84; Code 1933, § 68-206; Ga. L. 1978, p. 901, § 1; Code 1981, § 40-2-41; Ga. L. 1985, p. 149, § 40; Ga. L. 1985, p. 1276, § 1; Ga. L. 1986, p. 1333, § 2; Code 1981, § 40-2-43, as redesignated by Ga. L. 1990, p. 2048, § 2; Ga. L. 1997, p. 419, § 11A; Ga. L. 1998, p. 1179, § 8.

▼ Annotations

Opinion Notes

OPINIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Refusal of plates to applicants who cannot prove ownership. —

State Revenue Commissioner may refuse to issue motor vehicle license plates to firms or individuals who cannot submit satisfactory proof of ownership. 1952-53 Ga. Op. Att'y Gen. 224.

Dealer using tags for other than demonstrating or transporting vehicles. —

Dealer who permits dealer tags to be used for purposes other than demonstrating or transporting dealer-owned vehicles for sale may, and should, be prosecuted as for a misdemeanor, but the tags may not properly be picked up by a law enforcement officer unless the dealer registration has been revoked for cause. 1954-56 Ga. Op. Att'y Gen. 472.

Research References & Practice Aids

Law reviews.

For article commenting on the 1997 amendment of this Code section, see 14 Georgia St. U.L. Rev. 215 (1997).

Hierarchy Notes:

O.C.G.A. Title 40

O.C.G.A. Title 40, Ch. 2

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